

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is illegal and should be stopped. The FCC's rules have allowed huge companies to take over local airwaves and create a monopoly of rabid, one-sided, hateful ultra conservative rhetoric. I believe these monopolies have helped poison and divide our country with their constant distortion of the news, their cynical, self-serving agendas and their growing control of local airwaves.

We need to local people controlling local broadcasts, not far-away conglomerates. The FCC needs to change its rules so that ownership of local stations requires a demonstration of local involvement instead of the highest bid. But right now, we need to stop Sinclair Broadcasting from saturating the airwaves with one-sided political reports just before a major and vitally important election.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for your time. I would be very interested in a response, and reports about upcoming actions.